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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Chairman:

Mr Ph Rinn

Club Committee:

W F Halsell
W L Taylor
Friend

Treasurer:

John B Johnston
J Eastman Chase

Secretary:

J B Millet

Committee on Music:

G V Chadwick
F F Marshall
John Boston

Hanging Committee:

Mr E H Garratt
Alfred Ordway
J. Frocraft Ole
Frank W Rogers

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT OF THE CLUB.

The Paint and Clay Club is established in the city of Boston for the production of works of art, literature, music, and the promotion of social intercourse among its members.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Club Committee, a Committee on Music, and a Hanging Committee.

SEC. 2. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Club. When the Chairman is absent from a meeting, the Club may elect a Chairman for that meeting.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club; of the members present and absent; carry on the correspondence of the Club by its advice and direction; notify new members of their elections and issue all notices of the meetings of the Club at least two days before said meeting. He shall keep an account of his expenses, present it to the Club Committee, and they shall direct the Treasurer to pay the same. He shall also preserve a copy of all his correspondence relating to the Club. In the temporary absence of the Secretary, he shall request a member of the Club to perform the duties of the Secretary.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall collect and keep all moneys of the Club, and disburse them under the written direction of the Club Committee. He shall keep a detailed account of all expenses of the Club, and make a report of the financial condition of the Club, at such stated time as the By-laws provide; or at any other time that the Club may require it. He shall be allowed the necessary expenses of his office, as endorsed by the Club Committee, and shall preserve for the Club all papers relating to the business of his office.

SEC. 5. The Club Committee shall consist of three members. Any vacancy in their number shall be filled by the Club if such vacancy occurs during the Club Year. If it occurs at any other time, it shall be filled by the remaining members of the Com-

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mittee. The Club Committee shall hold the legal title to all the property and moneys of the Club in trust. They shall have control and management of the Club in all cases not otherwise provided for, and make all necessary contracts for its administration; but they shall have no authority or power to make the Club liable for debts amounting to more than fifty dollars, unless authorized by the Club. They shall make such arrangements for the care of the Club-room, the providing of entertainments (except the musical), exhibitions and receptions as they may think expedient, provided they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws. They may also call special meetings of the Club if they think it necessary. They shall, in connection with the Music and Hanging Committees and the Secretary, arrange the form and style of all cards of invitation and other stationery of the Club.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Music shall consist of three members. They shall have sole charge of all musical entertainments; shall keep a record of the same, and report to the Secretary.

SEC. 7. The Hanging Committee shall consist of three members. They shall have charge of the hanging of pictures, and the arrangement of other works of art, and the preparation of catalogues for exhibitions.

SEC. 8. The action of all committees shall be subject to the consideration of the Club, and be annulled, if the Club thinks proper, by a two-thirds vote of all the resident members.

SEC. 9. All officers of the Club shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of all the resident members of the Club at the annual meeting, and shall hold office till the next annual meeting, or until their successors are chosen. All vacancies of office occurring during the Club year shall be filled, unless otherwise provided for by the By-laws, by the Club at the business meeting immediately following the date of the vacancy.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTIONS.

Amended
SECTION 1. All elections to membership of the Club shall be made by a unanimous vote by ballot of all its resident members.

SEC. 2. Applications for membership may be proposed in writing to the Secretary by two members of the Club, who shall certify under their own hands that they know the person applying, and be-

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lieve him a fit person to be a member of the Club. The name of the candidate thus proposed shall be sent to each member of the Club, at least two weeks before the first business meeting after his proposal, and may be balloted for at the pleasure of the Club. Members absent when such balloting takes place may send their votes, in writing, to the Secretary.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall notify each person who is chosen a member, of his election, and of the amount of the entrance fee and annual assessment to be paid by him; and no person so chosen shall be entitled to any of the privileges of a member until he has paid to the Treasurer the amount so due. If the amount due is not paid within sixty days after the date of the last notification sent to the elected member, the Treasurer shall notify the Club; and at the next business meeting the matter shall be considered as fixed by the By-laws.

SEC. 4. No person shall be made a member of the Club who is not a member of the professions of architecture, painting, music, sculpture, engraving, or literature, or of some profession connected with the practice of Art.

SEC. 5. There shall be no honorary members.

SEC. 6. The number of the members of this Club shall not exceed thirty. 40.

ARTICLE III.

RESIGNATION AND FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any member desiring to resign his connection with the Club may do so by notifying the Secretary, in writing, of his wish; but no resignation shall exempt him from payment of any assessment, or any part thereof, which may be due and unpaid by him at the time, and according to the By-laws.

SEC. 2. Any member who has a grievance against a fellow-member or members may make a written charge against such member and present it to the Club Committee, who shall require the presence of the accuser and the accused before them; and if, upon inquiry and examination, the Committee cannot arrange a mutual settlement, or find that the accused is deserving of censure, or has endangered or is likely to endanger the welfare of the Club, or has violated the Constitution, By-laws or regulations of the Club, the Committee shall report the facts to the Club for their action.

Any three members may present to the Club Committee written

charges impugning the character or conduct of any other member: and if the Committee cannot arrange a mutual settlement, they shall bring the matter before the Club for its action.

The penalties for such proven charges shall be admonition, request of resignation, or dismissal from the Club.

SEC. 3. On the resignation or death of a member, or forfeiture of membership under the Constitution, all right and interest in the property of the Club previously held by such member shall cease.

ARTICLE IV.

EXHIBITIONS, RECEPTIONS, ENTERTAINMENTS.

SECTION 1. Exhibitions, receptions and entertainments shall be held at such times as the Club may think proper, and shall be under the direction of the Club Committee, and in the manner prescribed by the By-laws.

ARTICLE V.

THE CLUB YEAR.

SECTION 1. The Club Year shall begin on the second Wednesday in October, and close on the second Wednesday in May, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the Club. All business of the Club, except that delegated to the Club and Special Committees, shall be transacted during the Club Year.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting of the Club shall be held on the second Wednesday of May, and special notice thereof shall be sent to all members of the Club. There shall be a business meeting on the second Wednesday of each month of the Club Year.

SEC. 3. One-third of the resident members of the Club shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. No amendment shall be made to the Constitution, except by a unanimous vote of resident members of the Club.

SEC. 2. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws may be made at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting called for the purpose by the Club Committee, or through them by five resident members of the Club, two weeks after the notice of such proposed amendment has been made to every member of the Club by the Secretary.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

SECTION 1. Every member shall pay an entrance fee of fifteen dollars. This sum shall be the amount of the annual assessment.

SEC. 2. The annual assessment shall be paid on or before the second Wednesday in December, in advance.

SEC. 3. If any member fails to pay his assessment, as above stipulated, his name shall be given to the Club Committee by the Treasurer, and the matter shall be considered by the Club.

SEC. 4. Any member who contributes in any way a sum of money to the funds of the Club shall be excused from assessment for the current year, to the amount of the sum so contributed; or if he has already paid such assessment, the amount of the sum he contributes up to the limit of the said assessment shall be refunded to him by the Treasurer by order of the Club Committee.

SEC. 5. Members temporarily non-resident shall, on their return, pay all assessments falling due during their absence, unless remitted by a two-thirds vote of the resident members of the Club.

SEC. 6. Special assessments may be made, whenever it is deemed expedient, by a two-thirds vote of the resident members of the Club.

SEC. 7. All articles now or hereafter belonging to the Club shall be marked as such by the Club Committee.

SEC. 8. No report shall be made or account published of any proceeding of the Club, or of anything which takes place in the Club-room, except by special permission of the Club.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. At the annual meeting, on the second Wednesday of May, the Secretary shall submit a written report of the condition of the Club and its proceedings during the past year; and the Committees shall make such suggestions as they may think it expedient to lay before the Club.

ARTICLE III.

STRANGERS AND MEETINGS FOR VISITORS.

SEC. 1. On the last Wednesday of each month of the Club Year, visitors may be invited by the members, and no person shall be allowed to visit the Club at any other meeting unless by special permission of the Club Committee.

SEC. 2. Every member introducing a person to the Club-room shall enter the name of the guest at the time in a visitors' book kept in the Club-room for that purpose, with his own name and date of introduction.

SEC. 3. No visitor shall be present during any business meeting, under any circumstances whatever.

SEC. 4. No visitor or guest shall be permitted to introduce or invite any stranger to the Club-room; and the Club shall have the power to exclude any person not a member from the Club-room if they think it expedient to do so.

SEC. 5. On the occasion of public exhibitions, receptions, and musical entertainments, the names and addresses of the persons whom the members wish to invite shall be made out and given to the Secretary on the second Wednesday meeting preceding such entertainment, for the consideration of the Club; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to send invitations to such persons in the name of the Club only.

SEC. 6. Cards of invitation may also be issued by the Club Committee, as they think expedient, to members, not exceeding four to each member, for each exhibition, reception or entertainment.

SEC. 7. There shall be a business meeting on the first Wednesday of May, when the Club Committee shall audit the Treasurer's accounts.

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